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TEN CRIMINALS ARRESTED BY ICE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arrests Part of Nationwide Joint Operation Led by Marshals

MANCHESTER, N.H.-Ten dangerous criminals were arrested here this past week by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as part of "Operation Falcon", a nationwide U.S. Marshals Service enforcement initiative targeting fugitives and dangerous criminals.

Nine of those arrested have criminal convictions that involve violent acts committed against others. Seven of those arrested have convictions related to domestic violence and two have convictions related to sexual assault.

Among the arrested was 42 -year-old Jeffery Jones, a citizen of Canada with criminal convictions ranging from sexual assault and 1st degree assault to kidnapping. Jones is amenable to removal by virtue of his aggravated felony convictions. He has been placed in removal proceedings, and will remain in ICE custody awaiting the outcome of his case.

"ICE is pleased to have participated in this joint effort to vet out criminals that bring harm to others," said Robin M. Avers, special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. "This unified approach to law enforcement means both improved public safety and improved national security. ICE will continue to be vigilant in locating, apprehending, and wherever possible removing those who should not be here."

The individuals arrested by ICE are all foreign-born nationals. Six of them are here in this country illegally, and four are Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) of the United States. All four LPRs face the possible revocation of their lawful status based on their criminal convictions.

Those arrested are from the following countries: St. Lucia, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Haiti, and Portugal.

Of the 10 arrested, nine are in ICE custody. One has been turned over to another law enforcement agency for additional action.

Operation Falcon is being conducted in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Additional information regarding Operation Falcon may be found on www.ice.gov.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.